

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Psychology has proposed modifications to the text of section 1397.61 in Title 16 Cal. Code Reg. which was the subject of a regulatory hearing on November 19, 2005. A copy of the modified text is enclosed. Any person who wishes to comment on the proposed modifications may do so by submitting written comments on or before January 21, 2006 to the following:

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Enclosure

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**MODIFIED LANGUAGE
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Amend subsection (b) of section 1397.61 of Division 13.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

§1397.61. Continuing Education Requirements.

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(b) Any person renewing or reactivating his or her license ~~on or after January 1, 2000~~ shall ~~provide written evidence of completion of a continuing education course of no less than four hours in length~~ certify under penalty of perjury that he or she has obtained training and/or experience in the subject of laws and ethics as they apply to the practice of psychology in California, for each license renewal cycle. ~~This course~~ The training and/or experience shall ~~cover~~ include recent changes/updates on the laws and regulations related to the practice of psychology; recent changes/updates in ~~ethics codes and practice;~~ the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* published by the American Psychological Association; ~~current accepted standards of practice; and application of ethical principles in the independent practice of psychology;~~ and any other applications of laws and ethics as they may affect a licensee's ability to practice psychology with safety to the public. Training pursuant to this section may be obtained in one or more of the following ways:

- (1) Formal coursework in laws and ethics taken from an accredited educational institution;
- (2) Approved continuing education course in laws and ethics;
- (3) Workshops in laws and ethics;
- (4) Other experiences which provide direction and education in laws and ethics.

~~It is the responsibility of each licensee to certify, under penalty of perjury, to the completion of this course to the Board of Psychology as indicated on the license renewal application.~~ Each renewing licensee shall make such certification to the Board of Psychology as it is requested on the application for license renewal.

If the licensee chooses to apply a specific continuing education course on the topic of laws and ethics to meet the foregoing requirement, such a course must meet the content requirements named above, must comply with section 1397.60(c) of this Article, and may be applied to the 36 hours of approved continuing education required in Business and Professions Code section 2915(a).

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Authority cited: Sections 2915(g) and 2930, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 29 and 2915, Business and Professions Code.